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A CHINESE DOLLAR

OF TOPICAL INTEREST

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A Chinese Dollar of Topical Interest

Of the various silver dollars issued by the Chinese Republic, none is more interesting than the Sun Yat-sen memorial piece that is herewith illustrated. It is a handsome coin, simple in design, but bold in effect. The obverse of the coins bears the portrait to left of Sun Yat-sen, the Chinese hero, and the inscription "Republic of China, Twenty-first Year." On the reverse is shown a two-masted junk, to the right at the horizon a rising sun, and above, three birds. The value "One Dollar" is in Chinese characters at each side.

As the story goes the people objected to the coins because the rising sun was symbolic of Japan and the birds looked like a fleet of invading Japanese airplanes.

Another reason for the withdrawal of these coins has been advanced. Some say that they were light weight and that the moneyers refused to accept them, hence the government created the Japanese invasion idea to "save face".

In view of the current hostilities between the two countries one can readily understand why the design would invoke the dislike of the Chinese. The new issue made to take the place of these dollars, appeared without the objectionable birds and rising sun.

Very few of these coins have found their way into the coin market. For the past several years the standard price in Europe has been around ten dollars. We have a limited supply as illustrated in left hand column, in mint condition at $6.00 each.

Copper Ghost Head or Ant Nose Money of Ancient China

According to Chinese tradition this currency was issued by Sun-siok Ngao, Prime Minister of Tchwang, who ruled in **B. C.** 612-589. Because of their peculiar appearance they are called by various names, but, as a matter of fact are a metallic substitute for cowries. Before the use of metal in China, cowries shells were more or less of a standard currency and it would be quite natural to model these little pieces of metal after the shells.

The pieces we have on hand were bought about a year ago in the Thieves' Market at Peiping, China. They were taken from ancient graves and a few of the pieces have fragments of old cloth attached to them.

We can offer these interesting relics at $2.75 each.

We pay the postage on all coins.

Coins of Edward VIII

The portrait of Edward **VIII** does not appear on any coins. Four British colonies have issued coins showing his name and title, and these pieces have since been withdrawn from circulation.

Despite the statements of speculators who have managed to obtain a few of these coins, none of them is rare. We can supply the following pieces at our original prices.

British West Africa

Penny and Half-penny (nickel), 1936.
As illustrated. Mint condition.
Pair, 75 cents.

New Guinea

Penny (bronze). 1936.
Mint condition. 50 cents.

British East Africa
Ten and Five Cents (bronze). 1936.
As illustrated. Mint condition.
Pair 75 cents.

Fiji. Penny. (Nickel. 1936. Mint condition. 50 cents.

Collection of six pieces.....$2.00

Silver Drachm of Mithradates the Great of Parthia. B. C. 123 to B. C. 88

These coins are from a recent find and are in mint condition.

$2.00 Each.

Porcelain Tokens of the German Post War Era

During the post war inflationary period in Germany, a number of cities, villages, and private concerns issued porcelain tokens to be used as money. These tokens are found in various colors and sizes. All are artistically designed and well made. We offer a selection of 15 tokens, all different. for $5.

Hadrian, Emperor of Rome from 117-138 A. D.

Publius Aelius Hadrianus, better known to coin collectors as Hadrian, was one of the most capable emperors to occupy the throne of Rome.

His reign forms an epoch in the history of Roman jurisprudence. He arranged to have the postal system thoroughout the empire taken over by the state, relieving the municipal officials of the burden of maintaining the imperial post. New towns were founded and old ones restored. New streets were laid out, and acqueducts, temples, and magnificent buildings constructed.

During the years from 120 to 134 Hadrian spent much of his time visiting the provinces of the empire. He was the first of the rulers to regard his empire from any but a purely Roman point of view. His provincial birth, his natural curiosity, and his far-sighted ability, combined to give him a wide outlook. His journeys permitted him to learn the needs of his subjects, to win their confidences, and to settle their difficulties in an amiable manner.

The coins he struck to commemorate his travels form a splendid series for collectors of historical coins. The coins of Hadrian are splendid examples of Roman art. Probably they were designed by Greek engravers, though whoever they were, they were the best artists of that period.

At first his coins were patterned after those of Trajan and these pieces are apt to cause the beginner no little confusion. He titled himself **HADRIANVS TRAIANVS CAESAR**, or **IMP. CAES. HADRIANVS DIVI NER. TRAIAN. OPT. FIL.** The latter inscription indicating that he wished himself to be known as the son of Trajan and the grandson of Nerva.

His later coins are simply inscribed **HADRIANVS AVGVSTVS P. P.** If the young collector will remember that while the coins of Hadrian often bear the titles of **TRAIAN** and **NERVA**, those two emperors never used the name of Hadrian on their coins, he will have no difficulty in properly attributing them.

We can supply large bronze
Fine condition $2.00
Very good condition $1.00

Denarius, as illustrated.
Fine condition 90 cents.
Very good condition 45 cents.

Half Crown of William and Mary By the Famous Artist Roettier

The silver half crown was the only coin issued in 1689 and 1690. This type is considered one of the most handsome coins of that period. Dated 1689.

Fine condition $2.25 each.

Coins of Prajadhipok King of Siam from 1925-1935

Prajadhipok became ruler in 1925 upon the death of his brother Rama **VI.** Being a liberal he had much trouble with both the communistic and reactionary groups in his country.

While he was away from his country to have an operation performed on his eyes, his cabinet revolted. They asked him to sign a measure that would deprive him of his royal prerogative over life and death. This he refused to do, fearing that it would put too much power in the hands of ruthless ministers.

His abdication followed and the throne passed to his eleven year old nephew, Prince Ananda Mahidol.

Apparently Prajadhipok did not issue a very large coinage, as his coins are not often to be seen.

We offer the pieces listed below. They are all dated B. E. 2472. This is according to the Buddhist Era and corresponds to 1929 by our calendar.

Silver 50 Satangs. Uncirculated.....65 cents

Silver 25 Satangs. Same type, date. Uncirculated 45 cents

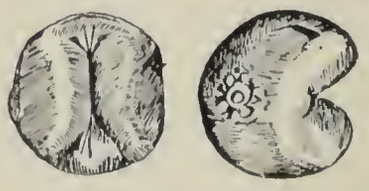
Nickel 10 Satangs. Uncirculated.....15 cents

Nickel 5 Satangs. Uncirculated.....10 cents
Copper 1 Satang. Uncirculated.....5 cents

Set of 5 pieces $1.25

Bullet Money of Siam

17th and 18th Centuries



1 Tical as Illustrated. Silver

Fine condition $1.25.

¼ Tical. Fine condition..... .75

⅛ Tical. Fine condition..... .65

$\frac{1}{16}$ Tical. Fine condition..... .50

Porcelain Tokens of Siam

From 1760 to 1875 it was possible for Chinese companies to obtain charters from the Siamese government to operate gambling houses in Siam. Such charters usually gave permission to issue tokens. For the most part these tokens were of porcelain. Some were of glazed clay, a few of glass and some of brass and lead. Soon these tokens began circulating as money outside the gambling houses. The many varieties caused much confusion, so the Siamese government proclaimed them illegal. It was a number of years however before they finally disappeared from circulation.

We have recently received directly from Siam, a few interesting types.

5 Fun. Showing crowned head of Queen Victoria. ℞ Hong, or name of isuing company.

Fine condition 45 cents.

1 Salung. Name of Company in three Chinese characters. ℞ Fish and value.

Fine condition 35 cents.

1 Fuang. Same as above except for denomination.

Fine condition 35 cents.

Round porcelain token. Denomination One Fuang.

Price 35 cents.

Octagon shaped token. One Fuang.
Price 35 cents.

One Fuang. Four perforations. Made before 1871.

35 cents.

Collection of 6 pieces. All different, $2.00.

Edward I. King of England From 1272 to 1307

Silver penny. Very good condition.

50 cents.

We pay the postage on all coins.

Copper Coin of Khalifa Abdullah Struck During African Rebellion

Abdullah who was leader of the Mahdists from 1885 to his death in 1899 was driven from the city of Omdurman, where he struck these coins, by Lord Kitchener. Most of them are dated in the latter years of his reign. The denomination is 20 Piastres.

Fine condition

60 cents each.

Coins of British India Struck by King George V

We can supply the following pieces in mint condition. The various types are illustrated. All show the head of King George V facing left.

Silver 1, ½, ¼ Rupee.
3 pieces.....$1.75

Nickel 2 Annas, 1936.

Square..... .20

Nickel 1 Anna, 1936.

Scalloped edge.... .15

Copper ¼ Anna, ½ Pice. 1/12 Anna

3 pieces..... .25

Set of 8 pieces $2.00

George II of England

Silver sixpence, dated 1758. Bust to left. Reverse, arms. Extremely fine. 50 cents.

We pay the postage on all coins.

George IV King of England from 1820 to 1830

The natural talents and handsome face of George **IV** prompted someone to predict that he would become "either the greatest gentleman or the greatest rogue" in Europe. Unfortunately, he became the latter and it is doubtful if any English king gained such ill-will during ten years of reign.

It was not that he lacked training for his kingly duties. He had been given an excellent classical and general education. For ten years previous to the death of his father George **III**, he had been Prince Regent. But the habits he formed while Prince of Wales remained unbroken until his death. He was reckless, selfish, and dissipated.

His marriage in 1795 to Caroline of Brunswick did not improve his behavior. The cruel treatment accorded his wife forced her to live apart fom him. Upon his accession to the throne however, she returned to England to claim her rightful position as queen. Alone and uninvited, she went to Westminister Abbey to attend his coronation. The door was closed to her, and overcome with grief she died a few days later. Her coffin bore, at her own request the words **"Here lies Caroline of Brunswick, the Injured Queen of England"**.

If a student of history desired to draw a parallelism, he might make no better one than the characters of George **IV** of England and Nero of Rome. Both were men of much talent, ability, and physical strength. They were also alike in that an unnatural cruelness dominated all other impulses. From their portraits on coins, these two royal villains strangely resembled each other. The coins of George are quite common in the three metals.

We offer the following pieces:—

Penny. Uncirculated.....	$1.15
Half-penny. Uncirculated....	.90
Farthing. Uncirculated.....	.30

Set of three pieces $2.00

Three Copper Coins of Queen Victoria

Among the most attractive English copper coins are those of the first type issued by Queen Victoria in the early years of her reign. We can supply the penny, half-penny, and farthing, matched dates, in uncirculated condition. Most of the sets are dated 1853, and have the original mint lustre.

Set of three pieces,

50 cents.

Coins of the Irish Free State

The recent acquisition of a number of sets of the current coins of Ireland, enables us to once again offer these attractive pieces to our customers. These sets consist of eight coins, and are nicely mounted in the usual velvet-lined government boxes. The eight coins are described as follows:—

Silver 2 shillings and sixpence. Obverse, a horse.
Silver Florin. Obverse, a fish.
Silver Shilling. Obverse, a bull.
Nickel Sixpence. Obverse, a greyhound.
Nickel Threepence. Obverse, a rabbit.
Copper Penny, Half-penny, and Farthing, showing respectively a hen with chicks, a pig with litter, and a flying snipe.

The reverse of each piece shows the conventional harp design, and the inscription "Free State Ireland", with the date of issue. The nickel and copper coins of this set were illustrated in former issues of COIN TOPICS. These coins are all in bright mint condition. The dates in each set vary, but are between the years 1928 and 1935.

Price per set of 8 coins $4.50

A Portrait Coin of Henry VIII King of England, 1509-1547

Silver groat showing the portrait of this famous ruler, facing to the right.

Fine condition, $2.00

We pay the postage on all coins.

Gun Money of Ireland Struck by King James II

These historical pieces, made from metal obtained by melting brass and old cannon, were fully described in the 7th issue of COIN TOPICS. They were crudely struck and are rarely found in perfect condition. We can still offer the following pieces:

Crown

Crown. Very good condition.....$2.50
Half-crown. Very good condition.....$1.25

Shilling

Shilling. Very good condition.....$ .75
Set of three pieces.....$3.75

Silver Penny of Henry II King of England from 1154 to 1189

Short cross type inscribed **Henricus Rex.**

Very good condition
85 cents.

Coins of George I of England Showing Initials of the South Sea Company

Shilling, bright mint condition.....60 cents

Sixpence, same type, very good condition 25 cents.

These coins were made from bullion obtained from the South Sea Company and bear the initials S. S. C. They are dated 1723.

Silver Coins Struck by Marc Anthony for His Army

When crafty old Marc Anthony began laying plans to battle Augustus, he overlooked no opportunities to flatter his soldiers. He even went as far as to issue a special coinage for them. These coins,

known as legionary denarii, furnish an interesting record of the number of legions of which Anthony's army was composed. Denarii for thirty legions were struck. As a legion consisted of 6000 men, the strength of Anthony's army must have been close to 180,000. A few of these issues are rare but most of them are obtainable at a moderate cost. These interesting relics were struck just before his defeat by Augustus at the Battle of Actium, September 2nd, B. C. 31.

We have a limited quantity of fine pieces. Type as illustrated, but number of legion of our selection.

$2.00 each.

Widow's Mite or Lepton A Coin of Biblical Fame

Mentioned in the 12th Chapter of Mark.

Mite of Alexander Jannaeus
B. C. 105 to B. C. 78
Price $1.50

Mite of Herod Agrippa
37 to 44 A. D.

Price $1.25

We have a small selection of the following mites:—

John Hycranus. B. C. 135-106. Madden, p. 76. Fine $1.75.

Herod the Great. B. C. 37-4. Madden, pp. 112-113. Fine $2.00.

Annius Rufus. Third Procurator. A. D. 12-15. Madden, pp. 175-176. Fine $1.75.

Pontius Pilate. A. D. 26-36. Madden, p. 182. No. 14. Fine $2.25.

Felix. (Reign of Nero). A. D. 54-60. Madden, p. 185. Fine $1.75.

First Revolt. Copper Half-Chalcous. Year 2. (May A. D. 67 to May 68.) Madden, p. 206. Fine $1.75.

English Jubilee Crown

Issued in 1935 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the late King George's reign. Brilliant mint condition.

$2.25

We pay the postage on all coins.

Coins of the Spanish Republic

Today there is a dire scarcity of metal coins in Spain. The regular currency has been withdrawn and business is carried on largely by privately issued tokens and script. We were fortunate in obtaining, at the time of coinage, a small quantity of the silver pesetas and nickel 25 centavos. We cannot guarantee to fill all orders, but will fill them in the rotation in which they are received.

Silver pesetas 1933. Uncirculated 50c.

Nickel 25 centavos 1934. Uncirculated 25c.

Roman Silver Denarii with Portrait of Rulers

Domitian, A. D. 72-96, Fine, $1.50.
Trajan, 98-117, Fine, $1.00.
Hadrian, 117-138, Fine, $1.00.
Antoninus Pius, 138-161, Fine, 75 cents.
Marcus Aurelius, 140-180, Fine, 75 cents.
Lucius Verus, 161-169, Fine, $1.50.
Septimius Severus, 193-211, Fine, 60 cents.
Caracalla, 196-217, Fine, 75 cents.
Geta, 198-211, Fine, 75 cents.
Elagabalus, 218-222, Fine, 75 cents.
Severus Alexander, 222-235 Fine, 75 cents.
Maximinus I, 235-238, Fine, 75 cents.
Gordianus Pius, 238-244, Fine, 50 cents.
Philippus, Sr., 244-249, Fine, 50 cents.
Philippus, Jr., 244-249, Fine, $1.00.

New Canadian Coins of 1937

This distinctive set of coins is a welcome improvement over the former inartistic designs.

The head of King George VI is shown facing to the left on the obverses. The reverses bears the following design. **Dollar:** Canoe, Indian and Voyageur. **Fifty cents:** Canadian Coat of Arms. **Twenty-five cents:** Caribou Head. **Ten cents:** Fishing Schooner. **Five Cents:** A Beaver. **Cent:** Two Maple Leaves.

We can supply the set of six in mint condition at $2.75.

Silver Drachm of Ariobarzanes I Ruler of Cappodocia from B. C. 96 to B. C. 63

Ariobarzanes I became ruler of Cappodocia at the end of a long period of warfare that had left the country in a state of chaos. As a native lord he had distinguished himself because of his brilliance and bravery. He was the popular choice of the people and his election was later sanctioned by Rome.

During his reign he was three times expelled by Mithradates the Great and as often reinstated by Roman generals.

The only coins of Ariobarzanes are silver drachms. They show his portrait on the obverse and on the reverse is shown Athena holding Nike.

We can supply these pieces in very good condition at

75 cents each.

Charles II of England

Milled silver threepence, 1679. Showing bust facing to right. Reverse shows three "C's" entwined. Fine condition. 35 cents.

Ancient Money Weights of North Siam

A number of readers have written to the editor for more information on these weights. Unfortunately he is not an authority on the subject and knows only what he has been told. Being a methodical person he made notes of all the details and carefully filed them away. After a year's search he has been able to locate the notes and reconstruct the story as told him by the man who once owned the said weights. This man, a medical doctor, spent many years in Northern Siam. He became interested in Siamese antiquities and his interest soon became the common knowledge of the natives. They helped him collect. Often he would accept his fee in the form of ancient money or money weight. It was not uncommon for some native, whom he had once befriended, to travel days through the forests to place on his door-step at night an ancient metal relic. The donor would silently return to the forests, asking no reward or thanks, but having the satisfaction of knowing that he had "paid his debt".

According to the Doctor, the exact date of these elephant weights is unknown. They have been found in graves that date back at least six centuries. On his travels into a remote part of the land he found them in use in a small market place. Knowing the Siamese language better than most natives, he enquired where the weights were made, how long they had been used, and other details. No one knew. The only information he could get was that they were "Government Weights". But the government mark they bore was that of a government long since forgotten in the annals of Siamese history.

The weights were used to weigh the odd-shaped coins that circulated in Siam many years ago. Today these pieces are known, because of their shapes, as pack-saddle, pig-mouths, tiger-tongues, shells, et cetera.

The standard coin was the Cheing or pack saddle coin weighing two ounces, as does the large sized elephant weight which is illustrated. The next size (1⅛ inches in height) weighs one ounce and this graduation is uniform down to the smallest size.

These elephant weights are not common and according to our informant, are rarely offered for sale in Siam.

We have a limited number left and offer them at the same price as in previous editions of COIN TOPICS.

Size as illustrated—	$3.50
Another 1⅛ inches high—	2.50
Another ¾ inch high—	1.75
Another ⅝ inch high—	1.50
Another ½ inch high—	1.25
Another ⅜ inch high—	1.00

Set of 6 pieces $10.00

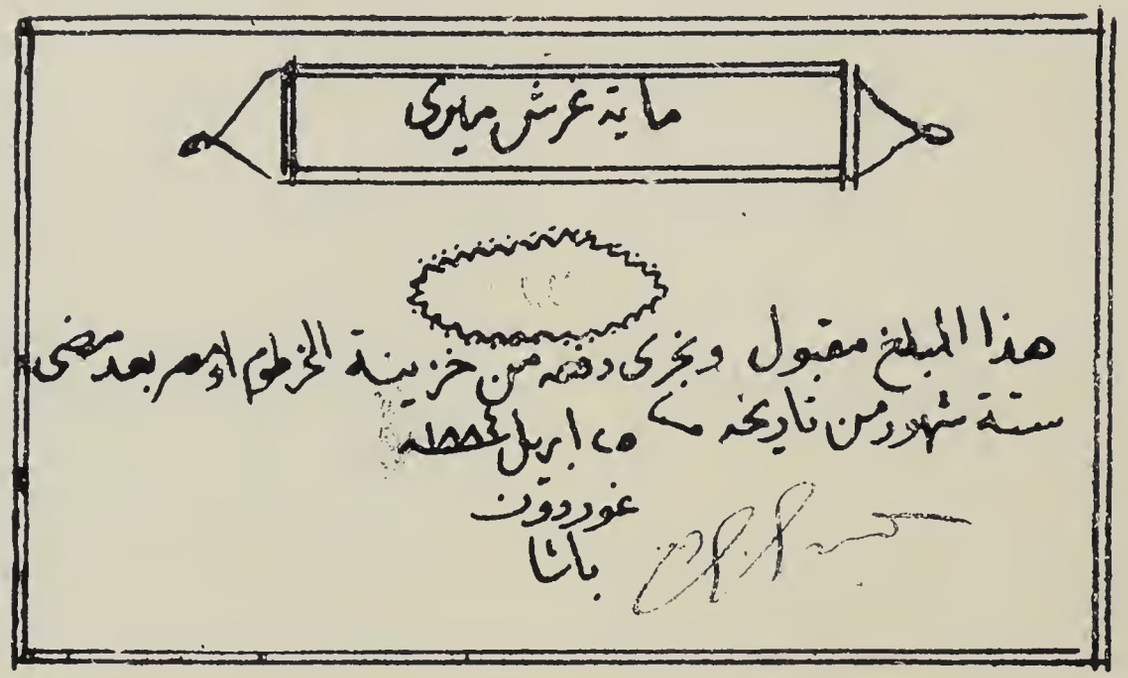
Denier of Maguelonne, France, Coined in the 11th Century

Among the interesting coins of Mediaeval times are the silver deniers coined at Maguelonne, a Visigothic town in the south of France. The town became the seat of a Bishopric in the 6th century A. D., was destroyed in 737 and rebuilt in the 11th century. In 1536 the Bishopric was transferred to nearby Montpellier, and today Maguelonne is a mere village

The coins issued there had a wide circulation, and are usually of the same type. We offer silver deniers as illustrated in very good condition.

65c each.

Notes Issued by General Gordon While Defending Besieged Khartoum



The Battle of Khartoum in 1885 in which the Mahdists captured the city and killed General "Chinese" Gordon, is one that deeply injured the pride of all Englishmen. Some 14 years later, Lord Kitchener defeated the Mahdists at Omdurman and to some extent gained revenge.

While General Gordon was defending the city the enemy captured a consignment of specie that was being sent him. This caused a serious shortage of money with which to pay the troops and the General was forced to issue an emergency paper money.

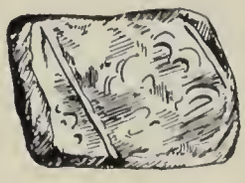
The notes, lithographed on such paper as was available, are inscribed in Arabic "This sum is accepted and will be paid at the treasury in Khartoum or Cairo six months from the present date. April 25th, 1884. Gordon Pasha." But six months later the City of Khartoum lay in ruins, General Gordon was dead, and the English routed.

Most of the notes were destroyed by the Dervishes and those that remained came to be regarded as valueless pieces of paper. When it was discovered that the Egyptian government would redeem them, many forgeries appeared. This caused much trouble and the government ordered all Gordon notes to be destroyed.

The ones we have for sale were found in 1930 in the archives of the Caisse de la Dette. They were given to the Governor General of the Sudan who used the proceeds in behalf of the Gordon Memorial Fund.

These pieces are all genuine originals and in fine state of preservation. Before this find was made such notes used to sell at $25. each. They are dated April, 1885, and are of the denomination of 20 Piastres.

Price $3.75 each.

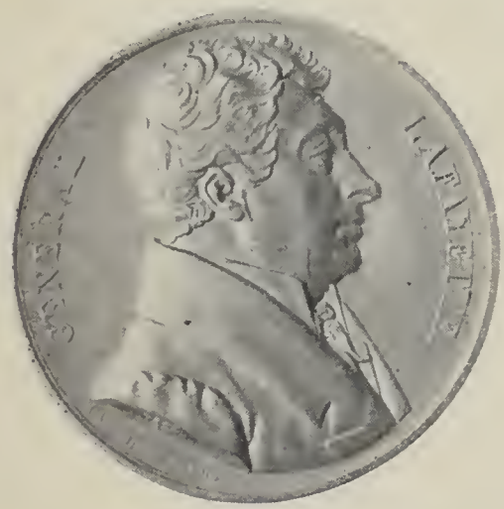


Hyderabad, India. Copper dumps. Very crude and a curious form of money. 10 cents each.

We pay the postage on all coins.

Bronze Medal of Lafayette Struck in Memory of His Visit to America, 1824

When Lafayette visited America in 1824-25, an important series of medals were struck to commemorate the event. One of the most handsome is a large bronze struck in France by Caunois. It shows a mature bust of the General facing right. On the



reverse is the inscription **THE DEFENDER OF AMERICAN AND FRENCH LIBERTY. 1777-1824 BORN IN CHAVANIAC THE 6 SEPTEMBER 1757.**

The part that Lafayette played in both the American and French Revolutions is too well known to dwell upon. No citizen of a foreign country has ever had so many and such warm admirers in America. In this country seven counties, twenty-seven towns, a mountain, a national park, and a river, as well as a college have been named after him.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a number of these medals, in proof condition. Each is guaranteed to be a genuine original.

$3.00 each.

Bronze One Centesimo of The Republic of Panama

This interesting little coin dated 1935 shows the Indian Urraca the national hero for defence of the homeland.

Urraca was a powerful chieftain who roamed the mountains of Veragua on the Southern coast of the Isthmus. He valiantly resisted the invading Spaniards and until his death waged relentless war against them.

A full description of this issue will be found in the **Coin Collector's Journal,** March 1936.

Mint condition 10 cents.

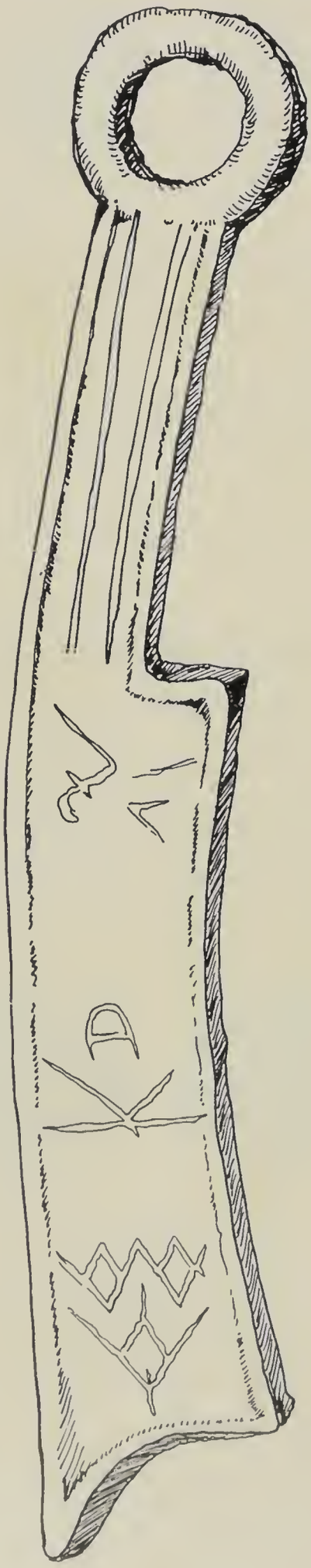
Copper One Pice of Gwalior Native State of India

From out of Gwalior, one of the Central India native states, comes an interesting small copper coin. The obverse of this features the bust of the ruler H. H. Maharaja George Jivaji Rao Scindia Alijah Bahadur.

The old town of Gwalior was an ancient seat of Jain worship. It is also noted for its historic fortress and splendid example of palace architecture of the best Hindu period. After much bloodshed and several broken treaties the State of Gwalior finally came under the protection of the British in the year 1858.

The coin, which is rather crudely struck, was issued in 1929, is of the denomination of one pice.

Mint condition.....25 cents.



Large Knife Coins of Ancient China Issued during the Chou Dynasty B. C. 1122-225

The currency of China seems to have an origin quite independent of any other country. Instead of coins they used small metal objects patterned after implements or articles of barter. The most familiar example of these is the knife shaped piece. According to the Chinese historian Hwai-nan tze who died in B. C. 122, knives were used as money some five centuries earlier. About B. C. 650 the soldiers of Duke Hwan of Tsi became dissatisfied with the stringent regulations on weights and money then in force. Their general, afraid of rebellion, granted to them the authority to use their metal knives for barter. This idea was readily accepted and the knives provided a convenient and popular medium of exchange.

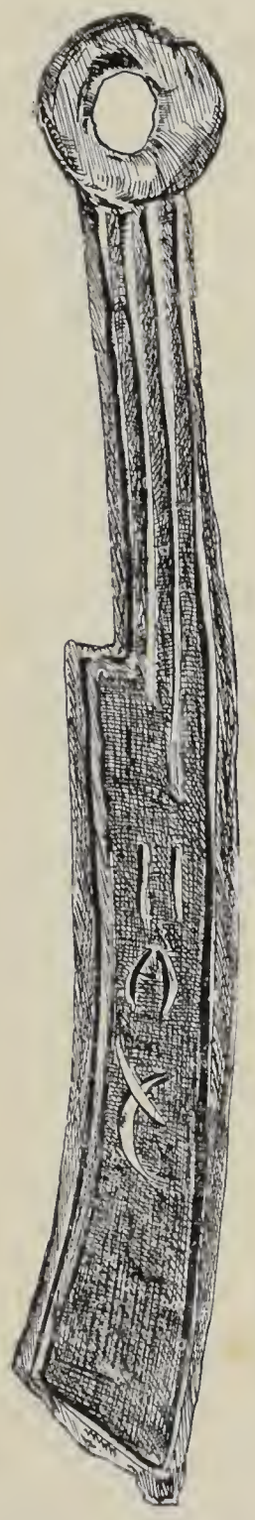
Later someone devised the idea of using a model instead of the actual knife and for centuries the practice was continued.

The theory that the round holed cash evolved from the holed handle of these knives is incorrect. Both the knives and pu coins circulated side by side with the round cash and were valued in terms of round cash.

We have received a shipment of these large knives directly from China. Each is in extremely fine state of preservation, beautifully patinated, and guaranteed genuine. These are much rarer than the small knives that are also offered in this issue. We cannot promise to fill all orders, as the supp'y is limited and we are no longer able to contact our correspondents in China.

Price $6.75

We pay the postage on all coins.



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The word **LIMA,** that is found directly under the bust on these pieces, indicates that they were struck from captured silver, mined in Lima, Peru.

This issue was fully described in the 7th issue of **Coin Topics.** We can still supply them in fine condition, dated either 1745 or 1746.

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Athenian Tetradrachms from the Halmyros Hoard in Southern Thessaly

This find was described in detail in the last edition of **Coin Topics.** The illustration is from one of the actual coins and shows the average style and condition of the pieces. While not in the finest state of preservation, these are striking coins and worthy of a place in any collection.

They date from B. C. 229-90.

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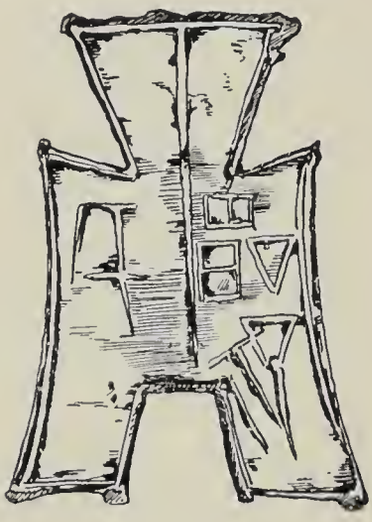
Bronze Pu Money of Ancient China

From the 7th to 3rd centuries B. C. these bronze pieces circulated as money in China. It is supposed that they are a sort of degeneration of the earlier bronze spade money.



In our first issue of **COIN TOPICS,** published in February, 1936, we advertised such pieces, and soon disposed of all we had in stock.

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Half Penny Token of England Showing Lady Godiva

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Pu Coin of China Issued by Wang Mang A. D. 7-23

This type of coin, known as the "new pu-money" was issued by the rebel leader Wang Mang during the Han period from **A. D.** 7 to 23.

Such pieces are not quite as scarce as the earlier pieces but nevertheless have been extensively counterfeited. We can supply genuine originals at

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Silver denarius as illustrated.

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Miniature iron weapons once used as money by the Yaounde Tribe To the natives these are known as "mimbass". An interesting medium of exchange that was in use several centuries ago.

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Silver Rupee of Thibet Showing Chinese Emperor Kwang-su

Among the curious coins of the 20th century is the rupee that China issued for circulation in Thibet. The most popular coin there at that time was the Indian rupee bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria To compete with this coin, the Chinese produced one almost identical in appearance. At a glance it might easily be mistaken for the one after which it was copied. But somehow or other, these coins never became over popular. Occasionally one turns up in some remote mart in Thibet, or you may find one in the cabinet of a collector

a few blocks away. The coin shows the portrait of the Chinese Emperor Kwang-su, facing to left. On the reverse in Chinese characters is the legend "SZE CHUAN SENG TSAO": (Minted in the Province of Sze Chuan). Aside from the rupee, half and quarter rupees were struck. The smaller denominations are all quite rare. These coins were all issued in 1903.

We offer rupees as illustrated,
Fine condition, $2.00

New Half Sol of Peru Payable in Gold

Peru, after the manner of several European countries, has recently issued a token coinage. This is undoubtedly an issue of the Government, brought out under the name of the Central Reserve Bank. The coin is of an alloy, probably aluminum bronze. The Peruvian Arms appear on the obverse, within a wreath, and on the reverse "El Banco Central de Reserva del Peru, 1935"; around outer circle. Inner circle: **"Pay the Bearer ½ gold sol"**, in Spanish. Mint condition 35 cents.

New Minor Coins of China Set of Five Denominations

Each set includes the 20, 10 and 5 Fen in pure nickel and the 1 and ½ Fen in copper. The three larger denominations show the portrait of Sun Yat Sen, the former president. The design on the reverse shows the square-toe pu or, as it is sometimes called, fork or cloth money.

The two copper pieces bear the Kuomintang or Peoples Party emblem, a sun with twelve rays. Each coin bears the date in Chinese of the 25th year. This corresponds to our year 1936.

The set of 5 pieces, mint condition
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Silver Groat of Henry VI King of England 1422 to 1461

Struck at the Calais Mint.

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A Commemorative Coin of Germany Struck in Aluminum

Among the unusual coins that appeared in the aftermath of the World's War is a 3 mark aluminum piece of Germany. It was issued to commemorate the third anni-

versary of the Weimar Constitution. The obverse bears the inscription VERFASSUNGSTAG, (Constitution Day) 11 August 1922. The design was made by the famous sculptor, Professor Quackerie, of Munich. This is the only instance, known to us, when a regular government commemorative issue has been in aluminum.

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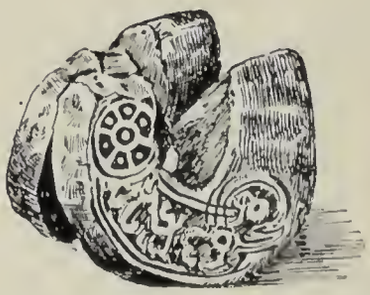
Silver Pack Saddle Coin of Lannatai, North Siam



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The Cistophorus, A Popular Coin of Ancient Times

The cistophorus receives its name from the representation on the obverse of the cista, or mystic chest of Bacchus, from which serpents are escaping The reverse shows two coiled serpents with heads erect; between them a bow-case.

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Coins of Geoffrey are of the usual quality of that period being thin and poorly struck. On the obverse they have (usually abbreviated) **GOSFRIDAS. COIS**, a cross, and the Greek letters alpha and omega. On the reverse is the legend **VRBS AIDEOAV**, and a monogram.

Very good condition

75 cents each.

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Copper pysa of Zanzibar issued in 1881, by Sultan Seyyed Salid bin Burghash. The obverse shows his name and the motto GOD GUARD HIM. On the reverse is the date 1299—(1881), and a pair of scales.

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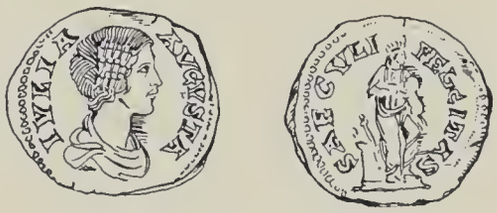
Septimius Severus

193-211



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